the State of Orissa also. During the year 1988-89, 25,000 wells are proposed to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.25 crores under the scheme in Orissa. A similar programme is likely to be taken up in the State during the year 1989-90.

Expansion of AIR and Doordarshan Net work

1253. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate uncovered areas in different States where Doordarshan and AIR net work has not been provided so far;

(b) whether Government propose to provide Doordarshan and AIR net work in some of those uncovered areas during the seventh plan period; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Details are given in the Statement attached. (*See* below.)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Seventh Plan of All India Radio/Doordarshan includes setting up of a large number of transmitters and also upgradation of power of some of the existing transmitters in various parts of the country. These schemes are at different stages of implementation. A number of places, not covered by radio/TV Signals at present, would be covered once these schemes are completed.

Statement

State/Union Territory	Area (%) presently not covered by	
	AIR	TV
	2	3
1. Andhra Pradesh	7	50
2. Arunachal Pradesh	25	92
3. Assam	24	34
4. Bihar	5	28
5. Goa	1	—
6. Gujarat	2	40
7. Haryana	4	3
8. Himachal Pradesh	55	69
9. Jammu & Kashmir	70	74
10. Karnataka	8	60
11. Kerala	20	16
12. Madhya Pradesh	12	65
13. Maharashtra	4	59
14. Manipur	1*	70
15. Meghalaya	4	26
16. Mizoram	18	90
17 Nagaland	5	57
18. Orissa	3	58
19 Punjab	19	1
20 Rajasthan		72

1		2	3
21.	Tamil Nadu	4	13
22.	Sikkim	56	69
23.	Tripura	5	7
24.	Uttar Pradesh	13	27
25.	West Bengal	1*	6
	UNION TERRITORY		
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	20	5
2.	Chandigarh	1*	0
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1*	60
4.	Delhi	1*	—
5.	Daman & Diu	1	
6.	Lakshadweep & Minicoy Islands	1*	5
7.	Pondicherry	1	

*AIR coverage in these states can be normally taken as 100% i.e. without taking into consideration the special requirement of certain situations.

Setting up of Nickel Extraction Plant at Sukinda, Orissa

1254. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a nickel extraction plant at Sukinda in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon;

(c) the estimated cost of the project; and

(d) the year in which the nickel extraction plant is going to be set up at Sukinda?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Employment to Non SC/ST Candidates on Production of SC/ST Certificate

1255. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to such cases regarding the employment of non-SC/ST candidates on production of SC & ST certificate;

(b) if so, the Union Territories from where such matter has been reported;

(c) the steps taken to check such incidents and observe the employment policy for SC & ST; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificates are issued by the revenue authorities of the State Governments/ U.T. Administrations. Complaint, if any received, is referred to the concerned State Government/U.T. Administration for appropriate action.

(c) and (d) Detailed instructions have been issued to all the State Governments/ U.T. Administrations for proper enquiry and verification of the claims before issue of SC/ST certificates. The officials who issue certificate carelessly and without proper verification are liable for action under the relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code in addition to the action to which they are liable under the